

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

*January 25 & 26 -
No School for
Students!
Professional Day for
Teachers!

Teacher Notes:

The game night will be rescheduled for next Friday evening, January 29th if school is cancelled due to weather. Hope you can come out and have some fun! Some 5th graders will be hosting a bake sale to raise money for Haiti. The 5th graders are also collecting spare change for Haiti's earthquake victims. We have a jar in our classroom for your spare change. If you would like to contribute, please send your change in with your child. Thank you!

PALS information was sent home Thursday. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns after you review the information.

Language Arts:

We did manage to accomplish a lot this week with the letter "d" and dinosaurs. There are lots of things to learn about dinosaurs, and we were able to have lots of fun while learning about them. We really enjoyed reading the book, A Boy Wants a Dinosaur. After we read the book, we did a writing activity about what we would do if we had a dinosaur for a pet - what we would name it, where would we keep it, and what would we feed it. We also learned some new vocabulary words, *extinct*, *carnivore*, *herbivore*, and *omnivore*. Do you know what all of these words mean? Ask your kindergartener to see if they remember! We began writing our own book about dinosaurs, "Bookasaurus" and we will illustrate our books too.

Math:

We had fun with dinosaurs in math too. With the classroom dinosaurs, we measured with cubes. Try measuring things at your home. Instead of using a ruler, try pennies or paper clips to measure things around your house. We also practiced patterning by using the shapes of dinosaur teeth. Ask your children what shape is a carnivore's teeth, an herbivore's teeth, and an omnivore's teeth. What are you - a carnivore, a herbivore, or an omnivore. We also practiced sorting by sorting dinosaurs according to what they ate. When we weren't sure about what they ate, we looked at their teeth to figure it out.

Other Activities:

In center time, we went digging for dinosaur bones, painted a dinosaur, and put together dinosaur puzzles.

Special Reminders:

- Ice Cream for Kindergarten is on Mondays! Please send in 65 cents to purchase ice cream. If you do not wish for your child to have ice cream, please let us know.
- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!

Homework:

Please choose a skill to practice nightly. Ten minutes a night can make a huge difference!

Next Week:

Next week, we will continue working with the letter "d" and dinosaurs. Enjoy your long weekend together!

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

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questions and concerns:
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